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Gubernatorial hopeful Mauro visits campus

By Liz Amill
Staff Writer

If you heard a booming voice coming from the Free Speech area recently, you probably heard Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro. He made a stop at UTB/TSC Nov. 20 on his way through South Texas to kick off his 50-week gubernatorial campaign.

Some of the items on Mauro's agenda, labeled "Texas Families First," include freezing most state agency spending, abolishing the motor vehicles sales tax, doubling the "sin" tax on cigarettes and liquor, and a plan for education in Texas.

"I am not going to turn up the burner on education, I am going to light a whole new fire," said Mauro, who is challenging Republican incumbent George W. Bush.

The Democrat's plan for education calls for using \$2 billion of the more than \$16 billion in the Permanent School Fund to build new schools, install new technology in older schools, and give a \$5,000 pay raise to teachers.

"We are going to certify teachers in the subjects they teach, and reward them with a \$5,000 pay raise," Mauro said. "Under my new 'Best and

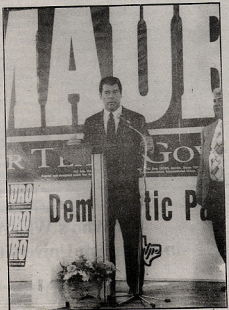
Brightest' plan, any potential teacher who graduates from college and agrees to teach in Texas public schools for three years gets a \$5,000 signing bonus."

Also on his agenda are plans for enforcement of the 22-student class-size limit, eliminating the need for the waiver system now used.

Mauro explained that \$6.8 billion has been added to the Permanent School Fund during the 16 years he has been land commissioner. "Because the stock market has risen, the PSF has made billions," Mauro said. Capital gains from PSF stock earnings will be used for education infrastructure and technology enhancements, and will be repaid with interest over a period of 20 to 25 years.

"I try to stay informed and [came] just to hear what he had to say," said Annette Hinojosa, a placement specialist in the Career Services and Placement office who was among about 50 people who heard Mauro speak. When any public figure comes to campus, everybody needs to find out what they say and what they stand for, Hinojosa said.

Other issues in Mauro's "Texas Families First" plan concern waging



MAURO VISITS CAMPUS

Garry Mauro, who is running for governor, speaks on campus. Mauro announced his candidacy for governor on Nov. 17 from his hometown of Bryan.

Chris Plata contributed to this report.

Prof receives grant to study border resources

By Blanca Esther Gomez
Times-Mexico Editor

Gene Pauli, UTB/TSC professor of anthropology and geoscience, has received a \$70,785 grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for a project titled "Resource

Assessment and Responsible Development, Texas-Mexico Border Region."

The project was proposed by five Texas-Mexico Border Physical Science professors who received a total grant of \$901,369.

Besides Pauli, those receiving

grants were Jay A. Raney, from the University of Texas at Austin, \$485,214; Eric Rickens, from the University of Texas at Pan American, \$104,510; Charles Great from the University of Texas at El Paso, \$111,128, and Juan

Materialism is on the rise among students, survey finds

College Press Service

College students who scrape by on macaroni-and-cheese dinners and spare change may not be the norm on every campus. In fact, many students say they aren't about ready to deely themselves some of life's luxuries, such as cars, CDs and the

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latest fashions.

Just ask the students at the University of California at Los Angeles. In a recent survey, UCLA students rated themselves one of the most materialistic campuses in the nation.

After a national survey of freshmen last year indicated college students everywhere were becoming increasingly materialistic, students in UCLA's anthropology department decided to gauge how students at the university viewed their consumption habits. The non-scientific, random survey questioned students about their spending habits, favorite possessions, and how those items helped them create a self-identity.

More than three out of every four students surveyed defined themselves as materialistic. About 36 percent of students said they were preoccupied with acquiring the latest fashions, fancy cars, jewel-

ry and other toys, so they could become part of a group. An equal number felt they were materialistic because they were at college so they could earn more money and buy more goodies.

The findings, published in a report titled "Consumption, Materialism and Identity," came as a shock to anthropology Professor Rudi Colloredo-Mansfeld, who directed the project.

"I was surprised," he said. "I was expecting students to talk more about the impoverished side and how they have to work jobs in addition to school." Kantak said the sun-filled image some students have of UCLA is partly attributable to shows such as "Beverly Hills 90210" and "Melrose Place."

"Television presents an ideal, stress-free life in Los Angeles where everyone has nice things and the top concern is looking pretty," Kantak

said.

But she said she doesn't think preoccupation with material objects is unique to UCLA. "College students in general have more things. They drive nice cars and wear nice clothes. They expect more than kids did a decade ago because parents are able to give them more," Kantak said. "I don't think it's a local thing."

Even though "materialism" often carries a negative connotation, many students saw nothing wrong with it, Goodyear said.

Freshman Jenny Andrade said that because UCLA is in Los Angeles, what you wear often defines who you are or who you hang with.

"This is L.A. and fashion is important here. I mean there's no dress code but if you dress tacky, people will know you as a tacky dresser. I mean there are movie stars flaunting

nice clothes all around L.A.," Andrade said.

In fact, respondents rated clothes as their favorite status symbols. When asked which items were most important for school, clothes came in fourth. Books got the top spot, followed by a computer at No. 2 and a car at No. 3.

"When I think of UCLA, I think of a bunch of 90210 kids who have money and play a lot. I know they aren't all like that but that's what I think," said Kelli Palmer, a senior at Elon College in North Carolina.

Palmer said she didn't think students at Elon were extremely occupied with material goods. At Elon, she said people are defined by their achievements, not by objects or fashion. "The prestige and popularity comes from the leadership. Are you president of an organization? Did you organize an event?" Palmer said.

Carrie McNally, a senior at Michigan State University, does think it's a local thing in UCLA's case. "I just think that all of Southern California comes off as materialistic," McNally said.

However, even though she doesn't think MSU students are as materialistic as UCLA students, she said a good portion there are obsessed with material goods.

When the Michigan cold season takes over, focus on fashion doesn't hibernate, she says. "When it gets cold some people just care about being warm," McNally said, joking, "but they still have to have designer wool coats and label boots."

When all is said and done, McNally said the truth of the matter about college students everywhere is this: "We all have to have our toys, our CDs, our computers, stereos. We were brought up having them and now everyone thinks they need them to survive."

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Junior Colleges

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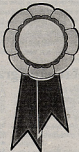
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On Campus

Community comes together in feast

By Rick Holden

Staff Writer

A record 12,000 people ate turkey and trimmings during the sixth annual Feast of Sharing at UTB/TSC's newly owned Jacob Brown Auditorium.

The Feast of Sharing is a huge, free Thanksgiving dinner for the public sponsored by many Brownsville merchants. HEB, which organized the event eight years ago, is the largest sponsor.

"It actually started in Laredo eight years ago," said Rob Ybarra, store director HEB, Boca Chica, "and there are a lot of people in the community that we couldn't do this without."

Long lines formed as people waited to be seated at tables, but thanks to volunteers they moved quickly.

Charles Butt, owner and CEO of HEB, created the event as a special way for his company to help the community.

"This is fantastic, it looks

like this year will reach the 12,000 mark," said Joe Lucio, HEB store director, Southmost.

It takes a lot of food to feed that many people in a day.

"We're talking about 4,000 pounds of turkey with all the trimmings," Lucio said.

Other large sponsors included Luby's, which donated the stuffing, vegetables and bread. Coca-Cola donated 600 gallons of its soft drink; Pepsi, 800 gallons of Pepsi; Watermill, 200 gallons of water, and Everest Water, 75 gallons.

The sponsors thanked the residents Brownsville for their support, and the 1,300 volunteers who helped with this year's Feast of Sharing.

A feeling of camaraderie was shared by most of the volunteers.

"I think it's great that all the people in the local community have come together to serve this event. ... I also think this really shows our unity," said Diego Garcia, a representative

from the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity.

Many were surprised by the great organization of such a large, noisy event.

Brownsville Mayor Henry Gonzalez took time out to praise the students of UTB/TSC.

"Most of all, the young people that we got from the University of Texas ... all these young people participating in the event makes me feel very proud," the mayor said.

"I saw the article in the paper and knew that some of the students were interested in volunteering, so I put up a sign that asked people to contact our office, and before I knew it I had over 250 people coming to me asking for information," said Diana Sosa-Hegarty, coordinator of Student Leadership and Development.

The event was highlighted by many performers from local schools and the community who entertained as people dined.



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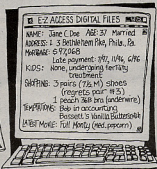
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Student aspires to be a nurse against all odds

Sandra Lara
Guest Columnist

My American Dream is to become a licensed vocational nurse. I've dreamt of becoming a nurse before I turn 30 years old since the day my nephew, Fabian, came into this world and gave me the idea of who I wanted to be in my life.

Around eight o'clock in the evening on June 8, 1993, my sister-in-law Diane yelled and screamed hysterically in the master bedroom, telling me that her water bag had just broken while she was lying on the bed watching TV. I ran outside to let the kids know what had happened so they could get ready and I could leave them at their grandmother's house on my way to taking Diane to the hospital. I called the doctor so that she could be waiting for us at the hospital.

When we arrived there, the nurse took Diane to the maternity ward and then asked me if I would be joining her in the delivery room.

I looked at the nurse with much confusion and nodded yes. I told the nurse that since Diane's husband—my brother—was working out of

town and would not arrive on time for all the excitement, Diane would have to put up with me by her side.

Before everything started, the staff advised me to put on a pair of medical scrubs to protect the patient and baby from bacteria and germs. While I stood there bug-eyed watching all the commotion, the doctor and nurses were making to ensure the safety of Diane and the baby. I thought how interesting it would be to work as a team like that one day if I became a nurse.

My mind was fixed on all I saw that moment that I didn't hear the nurse asking me if I would like to go with the baby and see all that goes on after a baby is born. I said that I would be delighted, and we went into a large room filled with sleeping and crying newborn babies. The nurse then put Fabian underneath a heating lamp, which adjusted his body temperature to keep him warm and comfortable. I asked every nurse who came in to do certain tests what exactly they were doing, sounding a little overprotective, but just curious of what is done after a child comes into the world.

From that day on I decided to get

the information on the qualifications needed for a nursing career. My brother, Michael, suggested I call a vocational school in Harlingen for an appointment with a counselor. The following week I went and spoke with a counselor, who enrolled me in the Certified Nurse Assistant and Physical Therapist Aide program.

While I attended the school, I saw how well I adapted to the study of certified nurse assistant that I decided to get more information to enter the UTB/TSC. The first thing I had to do was speak to a counselor at the college. For a moment I thought that maybe I wasn't smart enough to go to a large college, but then realized that it doesn't hurt to try.

After I graduated from the CNA program and got certified by the state, I sought all the experience needed to at least qualify for the vocational nursing program. If not chosen by the nursing committee, I would continue to apply myself by taking courses such as medication aide, phlebotomy, lab technician and others to show the committee how determined and willing I am to become a licensed vocational nurse.

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Hinojosa from Texas A&M International University, \$129,732.

The project was proposed on July 10, and was coordinated by Jay A. Raney, principal investigator of the Bureau of Economic Geology from the University of Texas at Austin.

"The project is a multi-university cooperative study that will address some of the most fundamental issues facing those charged with assuming responsible development of the Texas-Mexico border area, a region of emerging of economic power," Paul said.

He added this project will compile digital spatial data necessary for basic assessment of natural earth resources such as ground water, oil, natural gas, and minerals.

"This project will increase the capacity of the universities of the border region to develop trained professionals in data analysis and increase synergy among the border institutions," he added.

It will build the foundation of infrastructure and resource development, land use planning, wise investment decisions, and environmental protection in the Texas-Mexico border area, Paul said.

"The UTB/TSC project will focus on land use in South Texas and Northeastern Mexico and will include the Lower Rio Grande Delta," he said.

The outcome of the project will include a CD-ROM or other digital product containing geospatial information.

"The project will bring the latest ideas, techniques of digital mapping and remote sensing to the both the faculty and students of UTB," he explained.

The project, called Capacity Building for Resource Assessment and Responsible Development, Texas Border Region, was among 398 of the 2,891 proposals receiving funding.

Anorexia and bulimia rampant on university campuses

College Press Service

The dreaded weight gain experience is not a problem for some college students.

That's because some students never will be found at the student union eating pizza.

They will be found on the treadmills. They will be found purging.

Each year 16 percent of college women in America show some signs of having an eating disorder, said Dr. Laurie Humphries, a University of Kentucky Medical Center psychiatrist specializing in eating disorders.

Anorexia nervosa and bulimia are complex, life-threatening psychological eating disorders whose victims constantly fight a battle between their mind and body, continually restricting food intake to the point of obsession and sometimes death.

"Eating disorders are extremely common in college women," Humphries said. "There are more women who are afflicted in a college population than in a high school population."

The causes of anorexia nervosa and bulimia are as different as the diseases themselves. Humphries attributes the college atmosphere to exacerbating the diseases in some cases.

"If there is a sorority house with one or two who have eating disorders, they may influence others," Humphries said. "Pretty soon, you have a 'group phenomena' where everyone is severely restricting food intake."

However, the cause of eating disorders is multifactorial.

"Those with low self-esteem and those under serious stress are susceptible," Humphries said. Anorexia victims typically compulsively exercise and severely restrict daily caloric

intake to the point of fasting for days at a time in some cases.

Bulimics practice "binging and purging," which involves eating excessive amounts of food and then making themselves throw up.

Anorexics suffer from the loss of hair, osteoporosis (decrease in bone density), problems with poor nutrition and loss of a menstruation cycle for as long as they are restricting food intake.

Bulimics often suffer from electrolyte problems attributed to excessive purging, intensi-

nal and throat tissue damage, and dental erosion.

"Of all the fads which have affected mankind, none seems more difficult to explain than the desire of American women for the barbaric figure," the late Dr. Morris Fishbein, longtime editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, once wrote.

"In many ways we have become a 'celebrity culture' where the emphasis is placed on thinness," Humphries said. "Many of the models maintain an unhealthy body weight and image."

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-Manita

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Love, Irma Alicia

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* Merry Christmas to my family, friends and admirers.
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—Arlene Pacheco, biology sophomore

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"A computer."

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—John Von Ohlen, fine arts freshman

"Doesn't matter—I'm not asking for anything."

—Oscar Velasquez, kinesiology freshman

Campus' fifth posada/pastorela to be celebrated

Ginger James
Collegian Editor

The time-honored tradition of the posada/pastorela will be celebrated at the "Noche de Felicidad" program at 7 p.m. Friday on campus.

The posada, which is a reenactment of the search for lodging in Bethlehem by Mary and Joseph, is celebrated by many communities throughout the United States and Mexico. This will be the fifth year UTB/TSC celebrates this tradition. Director of Student Activities Peter Ruiz said.

The festivities will begin at the Free Speech area, where candles and programs will be passed out, he said. The UTB Estudiantina will provide the music and lead singing for the processional.

From there, everyone will proceed to seek "lodging" throughout campus, singing traditional posada songs. They will find "lodging" at the UTB/TSC Amphitheatre, where the pastorela will take place, Ruiz said.

The pastorela is a modern play of good versus evil, Ruiz said. "It's one of the three parts of the Posada: the 'Posada, the 'Pastorela,' and the 'piñata.'"

Most of the actors and actresses in the play are members of the Club Cultural Latinoamericana. The play is directed by Joaquin Garcia Quintanilla, who has directed the play the last four years, he said.

"I believe he is playing a lead part in the play if he isn't, then he will definitely be a character or two," Ruiz added.

After the play is over, the celebration moves to the Endowment Courtyard, where there will be a piñata, refreshments and several club food booths selling Mexican food.

"We will serve champurado, which is a traditional chocolate holiday beverage, and pan de polvo," Ruiz said. "We also anticipate eight club food booths at the event."

This event is open to all members of the community, and Ruiz hopes for a good turnout.

"We encourage all students to invite their friends and families to this event to help us kick off the holiday season," he said.

Arts & Entertainment

Movie review

'Mortal Kombat: Annihilation' huge disappointment for anticipating fans

By Jose Marcelo Villarreal
Staff Writer

"Mortal Kombat: Annihilation," rated PG-13, stars Robin Shou, Talisa Soto, Brian Thompson, Sandra Hess, Lynn Red Williams, Irina Pataeva, and the former "warrior" James Remar. This was one of the most anticipated sequels of the year. The first "Mortal Kombat" easily won over children and adults alike. Fight scenes in the first movie were of the highest caliber, and the special effects were among the best that year. Sadly, this is not true of the sequel.

The best part of the film is the soundtrack, already available in stores. Featuring hard-rocking acts Megadeth, PysKosmik, CIRKUS, Jono Reactor, and Face to Face, the CD of this megaflop of a movie should do well.

Unfortunately, the caliber of the movie does not even come close to the caliber of the CD. Shou, who plays Liu Kang, is short-changed in every scene. He is neither allowed good dialogue, nor is he allowed to show his real-life martial arts skills. This "Kung-Fu" style movie with a budget ditches potentially phenomenal fight scenes for cheap spe-

cial effects. Just try to ignore the cable wires if you can. The sorry excuse for a storyline has a such a complete lack of cohesion in the audience could pick up on it.

Anyone who has spent at least half an hour playing Mortal Kombat knows this movie is really off. The character Jade is a black woman in MK, but in the movie she is Chinese. The beloved character Scorpion has only a cameo appearance. At least Ed Boon did the voice-over. Sub-Zero was played by a

man as small in stature as Shou, and was horribly inadequate for the assassin's role. The worst part was the cheesy "animality" scene, where Liu Kang is transformed into a cheap-looking Godzilla. Of course, his foe transforms into an equally cheap-looking Hydra. To Ho productions probably wants to sue for copyright infringement over that one.

This movie could have been a flawless victory. But it's not. Don't waste your money, no matter how much the kiddos beg.



BY NORA McVITTIE

MUFFIN



THE Crossword

ACROSS
1. Cotton fish
3. Antelope
10. Unpleasant
14. Appraisal
15. Place of contest
18. Arab V.P.
17. Starting at
18. Inclusion
20. Made excited
22. Car pulchre
23. Rhythmic
24. Adult
26. On the ocean
29. Inclusion
32. Military weapons
33. Love action
35. Outgoing
36. Fugue
37. Powerful stream
42. Water in
43. Works by Pinter
43. Unhappy, a/g
44. Water level
46. Check
48. Midway
49. Dinner item
52. Part of the school day
53. New Zealand
62. Stanley
63. Dasher
65. Nasty
66. Sheriff's man
68. Long story
68. Car's victim
67. Long story
68. Lateral
71. SOX
72. Entry line
73. Omaha view
74. Solve the meaning of
75. Insignia
76. Griefed
77. Insignia
78. Single part
79. Check piece
80. Ties
81. Marble vase
82. Unending
83. Up to (—) (200)



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ANSWERS



19. Indian garment
20. Singlet
21. Capital of Oregon
22. Chignon
23. Car pulchre
24. Rhythmic
25. Adult
26. On the ocean
29. Inclusion
32. Military weapons
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Arts & Entertainment

Jenny McCarthy bares all in 'Open Book'

College Press Service

Jenny McCarthy—ex-Playboy Playmate of the Year, former host of MTV's "Singled Out," eyes-a-popping and tongue-a-flashing paparazzi magnet, and star of NBC's sitcom "Jenny" is such an open book that she's written a book titled—what else?—*Jen*. X—*Jenny McCarthy's Open Book*, out now from HarperCollins.

"I liked telling the truth about things people are always asking me about and the idea of reliving the past," the amiable McCarthy says by phone from her Los Angeles home.

"When I put it all together I thought, 'Wow! How did I not cry every day of my life?' I talk a lot about my breast implants, which I'd never done before. But I thought it was smart to do because it could make some girls who are thinking about implants think again."

The tome is written in tight, in-your-face chapters. McCarthy covers all the bases, from her childhood, old men who wanted sex with her and her caustic thoughts on Pamela Lee to the benefits of passing gas on a first date and jealous high school peers who spread rumors that she slept around. McCarthy acknowledges that co-writer Neal Kaden penned the first draft of *Open Book*, while she revised the copy six times in order to Jenny-ize it.

"He got the meat," she explains, "and I put the ketchup all over it."

McCarthy, who was born in a blue-collar section of Chicago, had her breasts surgically enhanced at age 18 by a doctor at an Arizona clinic that accepted installment payments.

Though they helped her achieve success, McCarthy would now welcome an overhaul. "Removing them makes some people's breasts turn into raisins," McCarthy says.

"I originally just wanted them out, but now that people are scaring ... me with their stories. What I might do is get implants that are half the size of what I've got now. That would get me back to my old size, which is a B."

From mammoes, it's onto memories of her school days, as McCarthy recounts not just her parochial school days (and her frequent run-ins with the nuns there), but also just how out of place she felt while attending the nursing program at Southern Illinois University.

"When you go on the wrong path in life, man, does life show you," she says. "It totally gives you signs and lets you know this isn't what you're supposed to do. In college, every day was like that. My three sisters each had scholarships, and I was the only one who didn't, but I wanted to go. So I had to pay for it myself, and I soon realized you can't go to school and live off being a bartender."

"Things were crashing down and I went into a big depression because I didn't know where ... I was going."

McCarthy soon ended up at Playboy and the rest is history.

First, there were bit parts in movies such as "Things to Do in Denver When You're Dead," auditions for "Showgirls," and a spat with former crush Scott Baio. Then came the posters, videos, calendars and images of McCarthy strutting her stuff at seemingly every Hollywood premiere.

Then came MTV's over-the-top comedy sketch program, "The Jenny McCarthy Show" and, finally, "Jenny."

"In one way I was prepared for Jenny-mania, but in another I wasn't," she says quietly.

"I'd always pictured it in my mind. I always try to give myself a vision and go to that. When it happened on such a big scale I was shocked, but it was what I wanted."

"So, I knew what I was in for, which was that huge explosion of fame. 'Who is that girl?' Then you're on that roller coaster, waiting to go 'Woowoooo!' and to take that downward slip, which is when you get the bad press. They build you up so much, and then you have to come down a little bit."

The bad press kicked in with the debut of "Jenny." McCarthy plays a woman who trades her small-town, boring existence as a supermarket cashier for the L.A. high-life after the death of her B-movie star father (George Hamilton). Despite heavy promotion, the show has struggled in the ratings.

"We have the hardest time slot," she says, referring to the fact that "Jenny" must follow the low-rated "Men Behaving Badly" and battle CBS powerhouse "Touched By An Angel" every week.

"The good news is that our ratings are still above 'Men Behaving Badly's.' We've been preempted a couple of times, which was another blow. But NBC is happy and (network head) honcho Warren Littlefield said he's in for the long run."

Whatever unfolds with "Jenny," McCarthy appears likely to be on the scene for a long time. She's proved that a sex symbol can be funny, too. She's achieved her goals and done it her way. And besides, she wants to write a bona fide autobiography. "Without a doubt, I'm saving some stories," she says coyly. "I've gone into a few things on *Open Book* that I may wish to go into more detail about in an autobiography. I think I've conquered the 'It Girl-of-the-Month' thing, the 15-minutes-of-fame thing, so I honestly believe that down the road you'll get the whole story. The rest of it'll come when I'm a little older and have more to talk about. At 24, there's not much of a story yet."

Bricks

The UTB/TSC Opera Gala will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at the Camille Lightner Playhouse in Brownsville and Dec. 13 at the Harlingen Performing Arts Theater. The opera company will perform selections from operas by Verdi, Mozart and Wagner, as well as selections from operettas by Gilbert and Sullivan.

General admission to the Brownsville performances is \$7; admission is free to UTB students with a valid ID. Admission to the Harlingen performance is \$10 for adults and \$7 for students with ID.

The UTB/TSC Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble and Campus Choir will present a "Christmas Celebration" at 8 p.m. Monday in the Student Center. Admission is free.



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Sports

'Futbolito' tourney held on campus

By Art Beltran
Managing Editor

The first "futbolito" tournament—open to students, faculty, and staff—was held at the South Building Lawn Nov. 17-21.

The game, also known as "fútbol Uruguayo," (Uruguayan Soccer), is a smaller version of regular soccer. The tournament was open to men and women, but no women's teams were registered.

The tournament was hard fought, with one of the semifinals and the final being decided by penalty kicks. The Aztecas beat El Tri in the final.

The game ended with a 0-0 tie after the two 15-minute halves. It then went to two sudden-death five-minute overtime periods where neither team was able to score. Aztecas then captured the win in penalty kicks 1-0.

Aztecas had to win its semifinal game in penalty kicks as well, against Juveniles. They tied 1-1 in regulation time and 2-2 in the first round of three penalty kicks. Next followed the sudden-death penalty-kick rounds where

Aztecas won in the sixth overall penalty kick.

El Tri beat the Cobras in its semifinal match. The game was back and forth ending with a 1-0 score that sent El Tri to the final against Aztecas.

The first-place Aztecas players are Alvaro Perales, Edgar Arellano, David Rodriguez, Eric Escania, Hugo Smer, Julio Rodriguez, and Andres Rodriguez. The second-place El Tri players are Juan Robledo, Rafael Munguia, Guillermo Martinez, Bernardo Pena, Alberto Espinoza, Raul Ota, and Antonio Baez. Trophies went to the first- and second-place teams.

Leading scorers were Bernardo Pena, Guillermo Martinez, Juan Perez, and Jesus Villareal who tied with two goals each. There was no trophy for the leading scorers, however, due to insufficient funds for four trophies.

The Soccer Club plans on holding one "futbolito" tournament per semester. Oscar Gonzales, president of the club, said.



ART BELTRAN/COLLEGIAN

Alvaro Perales kicks a goal past Jaime Longoria during the tourney.

Soccer Scorpis fall flat in first game

By Art Beltran
Managing Editor

The Scorpions soccer team started its inaugural season in the Liga Burocratica de Matamoros on the wrong foot.

Poor preparation due to lack of resources was one of the major reasons for the bad start, Soccer Club president and team member Oscar Gonzales said.

"We don't have money to buy balls, uniforms, or to pay a coach," he said. "We'll be pitching in to pay the coach out of our own pocket, but, it's not fair."

The team has formally asked the university for assistance and is awaiting a response.

"We want to represent the school by winning games, but, without their help, we won't be able to represent the school in a respectable manner," Gonzales said.

Several team members were not informed of the

first game's starting time on Nov. 22. They didn't even have their first formal practice until Nov. 25, after the first game, Gonzales said.

Only the 11 players needed showed up for the game; the Scorpis were forced to play with one man less than the Pumas of the Universidad de Matamoros after a player got injured in the first half.

The game ended early because of a rule that ends the game on a 6-0 score; all of the goals came after the Scorpions were left with only 10 players.

"We could easily beat these guys, with the whole team," Mata said after seeing his team's erratic play. "Some of our best players were missing," he said.

"They promised us a lot of things but they don't give us anything," Gonzales said. He noted that the girls' team has had a coach for two months and is now 4-0.

Lady Scorpis tops in soccer

By Art Beltran
Managing Editor

The Lady Scorpis are dominating the Soccer For All league with a perfect 4-0 record.

The Lady Scorpis beat Hanna (2-1), Hanna Junior Varsity (2-0), Lopez (3-0) and Hanna again (2-0) in their latest game.

In their last game against Hanna on Nov. 25, the Lady Scorpis once again showed their superiority over that team. The Lady Scorpis dominated the game by scoring a goal during each half and playing great offense and defense. UTB/TSC's defense held Hanna's offense to only a couple of scoring threats in the second half, while the Lady Scorpis' offense threatened to score against Hanna all half long. Even after scoring its second goal halfway through the second half, the Lady Scorpis kept on the offensive and crippled Hanna's offense in the process.

Publicize your sport!

Write to us and let us know what sports events are going on that involve students, whether on or off campus. We will try to cover as many as we can.

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Sports

Team Sting is a class act

My Thoughts

Art Beltran

I recently had the pleasure of experiencing why the Lady Scorpions are liked so much. Coach Brian Funk was kind enough to let me ride the bus with the team on the trip to the regional playoffs tournament in Corsicana, Texas.

They were very nice and friendly to me, as well as everyone else who approached them, and made me feel welcome all through the trip.

It was great fun to see them in the gym, playing around and dancing before the games. They even sang "Lead On Me" during their pre-game stretching exercise where they would start getting serious, but relaxed, for the game. Their singing is quite nice and uniform.

It was great to see that our girls were giving the university a good name by being friendly even to their opponents.

Sophomore Laneka Frazier gave the perfect example by refusing to talk bad about the host team, Navarro College, even though "Team Sting" had shown its evident superiority over that team.

They were gracious even in defeat as they wished Alvin College, which eliminated them from the tournament, good luck the rest of the way.

Funk says we should all see them as our team; that will be easy to do for anyone who gets to see them play their hearts out. And, anyone who gets to know them will feel proud as well, since they're always nice to everyone.

Brief

Winners of the Kinesiology Club's Nov. 15 three-on-three basketball tournament are as follows:

First place, Oscar Rodriguez, Tony Garcia, and Ruben Garcia; second place, Gonzalo Ruiz, Gilbert Ruiz, and Ronaldo Vidal; third place, Josh Zapata, Omar Tamez, Adrian Meza, and substitute Rolando Salazar.

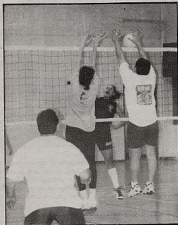
Tony Garcia won the three-point shot competition.

Intramural sports competition results

Golf: Fabian Llanos, Jr., first place; John Mender, second place.

Volleyball: Raul De La Lita, Lee Roy Gonzalez, Janet Salcedo, Erica Gutierrez, Brian Funk, and Eliza Rivas, first place; Tony Tovar, Ruben Naranjo, Peggy Bryson, Monica Gamban, Tom Flores, and Bobby Torres, second place.

Block it!



ART BELTRAN/COLLEGIAN

Tony Tovar blocks a spike sent by Erica Gutierrez in the intramural Volleyball tournament last week.

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-- Yolanda Lozano Garza



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Tiempo Nuevo

Cartas al editor:

Sociedad Nacional Hispánica incrementa miembros activos

El año pasado, 23 de noviembre, 20 estudiantes iniciaron el capítulo de Tau Chi de la Sociedad Nacional Honoraria Hispánica Sigma Delta Pi y el decano Antonio Zavala, fue nuestro miembro honorario.

Desde entonces hemos trabajado mucho, primero para crear la constitución de nuestro capítulo, después para elegir a nuestros funcionarios, desarrollando un programa para el semestre de otoño del 97 y por último, organizando la segunda iniciación.

Esta culminó el pasado 22 de noviembre con una ceremonia de iniciación de 14 nuevos miembros, siendo esta vez los profesores Elizabeth Cortina y Ricardo Garrido, nuestros miembros honorarios.

Las actividades académicas de nuestro servicio voluntario a la comunidad han sido, tal vez las más significativas porque han puesto a prueba nuestro espíritu altruista.

Además desde el 14 de septiembre de este año, todos los domingos subicuentes fuimos al Asilo de Ancianos Madre del Perpetuo Socorro a jugar lotería con los residentes de ese lugar.

Todos los que participamos en este servicio social comparamos que fue una experiencia única ya que nunca nos esperamos las diferentes reacciones de las personas.

Esto realmente fue una experiencia revitalizante.

María Cavazos

Presidenta de la Sociedad Nacional Hispánica

El que pueda comunicarse en dos idiomas, vale por dos

En los próximos meses se escuchará cada vez más en nuestro campus el término *bilingüe* en relación a una de las emergentes misiones de la UTB que convertirá a nuestra Universidad en la primera del estado de Texas que se ocupe de la formación de profesionales que no sólo puedan hablar, sino también escribir a nivel universitario en las dos lenguas maternas de nuestra región: el inglés y el español.

La iniciativa para su creación ha partido especialmente de nuestra rectora, la Dra. Julieta García quien, juntamente con el vicerrector académico, decanos, directores y catedráticos pertenecientes a las diversas facultades y escuelas de la UTB, forman una comisión que dirige sus objetivos hacia el propósito de desarrollar programas de estudio que preparen y formen futuros profesionales bilingües y biliterados en las diversas carreras académicas. Así, los futuros egresados de la UTB tendrán ante sí un vasto campo de actividades y posibilidades de empleo tanto en los Estados Unidos como en la América Latina.

La ventaja que tiene nuestra Universidad sobre otras del sistema universitario de Texas es, precisamente, en la riqueza lingüística y cultural de nuestro estudiantado bilingüe, así como en la inviduable ubicación geográfica de nuestra Universidad en el cruce de las Américas. En esta riqueza lingüística y cultural descansa la grandeza y el promisorio porvenir de la Universidad de Texas en Brownsville.

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CORTESÍA DE ARACELIA SALAZAR

El capítulo Tau Chi de la Sociedad Nacional Hispánica Sigma Delta Pi, organización nacional universitaria para estudiantes de español, recibió a 14 nuevos miembros entre los que se encuentran dos honorarios.

Las posadas siguen siendo una tradición

Por Ana Laura Delgado
Reportera

La Litúrgica Romana comenzó la costumbre de festejar el nacimiento del niño Jesús el 25 de diciembre.

De aquí se fueron sacando diferentes costumbres, como en México "Las Posadas".

Todas estas tradiciones fueron creadas con el fin de adorar y representar con esperanza, paz y amor la llegada de Jesucristo hijo de Dios, nuestro señor.

Las posadas son actualmente nueve fiestas que se realizan a partir del día 16 de diciembre, culminando el 25 con el nacimiento del niño Jesús.

Esta representación es de la Virgen María y San José pidiendo refugio debido al ya próximo nacimiento del niño Jesús.

Es llevada a cabo por dos grupos de personas divididas, quedando un grupo adentro de la casa, ellos estarán

representando a los egostas que no acceden a darles posada y el otro grupo afuera; representando a María y San José, comenzando así la simulación.

Cantando varias estrofas los de afuera, piden posada, mientras los de adentro no permiten la entrada de la Virgen María y San José.

Después de varias puertas tocadas terminan por acceder y se les da posada.

"Aquí en E.U. es importante que adoptemos las costumbres de otros países como lo son las posadas, ya aquí hace mucha falta el compartir con amigos y la familia la paz que debe de persistir en el mundo", afirmó Mariza Lucón, estudiante de educación.

Las piñatas es una tradición más de las posadas, tradicionalmente se hacen en forma de estrella, aunque actualmente ya son de figuras variadas. La costumbre es de

rellenar las piñatas de frutas de la temporada, dulces y cacahuetes.

En México como en algunos otros pueblos católicos, es tradición hacer representación en miniatura con figuras plásticas o de barro del nacimiento del niño Jesús.

Las figuras acostumbradas son San José, la Virgen María de rodillas, el burro y la vaca, todos ellos en el pesebre.

Todas estas figuras sobre el manto que dan un toque más de realidad.

A las 12:00 a.m. de veinticinco de diciembre es cuando la figura del niño Jesús se pone en el pesebre.

"Me gusta este tipo de celebraciones donde se crea una unión familiar y de humildad", dijo Rosa Maravilla, maestra del Instituto de Lengua.

"Esas representaciones crean un espíritu de paz y amor", señaló Diana Muñoz, estudiante de inglés.

Tiempo Nuevo

Página de opinión

Amor por Internet

Por Alicia Navarrete
Columnista

* Amor de lejos amor de... ¿Quién no conoce este famoso dicho mexicano?, el cual decimos muchas veces para hacerle burla a algún compañero o amigo, que tiene un romance a distancia. Hace años era difícil conseguir pareja, mucho más difícil tenerla distante, pues los medios de comunicación no eran tan avanzados.

Sin embargo hoy en día, gracias a la computación, hemos llegado a tocar hasta los pechos más escondidos de este mundo.

La pregunta es ¿cómo? Bueno, muy fácil. ¡El Internet! Ahora no se necesita gastar mucho dinero para conocer culturas diferentes.

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Desde México, Estados Unidos, Holanda hasta la ya desaparecida Antártida.

El IRC ayuda a conocer a las personas por sus sentimientos y no por su físico.

Se han formado muchas parejas que sin imaginario han llegado al matrimonio o han mantenido la relación por muchos meses.

Tal es el caso de Rebecca Pedraza, ella conoció a su esposo vía Internet.

Después de llevar un noviazgo de un año cuatro meses, él exclusivamente vino para casarse con ella desde Suiza. Ahora ellos viven felices y contentos.

Otro caso, es de Lety Cortinas, estudiante de finanzas. Ella tiene novio vía Internet hasta Holanda.

La relación ha sido de un año diez meses y siguen como si el tiempo no pasara. Cuenta que es algo muy normal. Aunque claro, las diferencias de cultura no faltan.

Pero problemas hasta en una relación de persona a persona existen. Lety planea pronto ir a Europa a pasar unas vacaciones.

Aida Cantú, estudiante de cinematografía, conoció por Internet a su novio Jeroen van Velthoven de nacionalidad Holandesa.

Después de vacaciones de pascuas su novio vino a pasar dos semanas con ella.

"No es muy fácil creer todo lo que te dicen. Pero después de que conoces bien a la persona te das cuenta que sí puedes confiar en ella".

Mireya Carizales, estudiante de radiología, lleva tres años usando el Internet, cuenta que "un día conocí a mi actual novio de Holanda y ya tenemos tres meses y medio de relación sentimental".

Como ven, es ese viejo dicho, "amor de lejos, amor de pensarlo", ya quedó en la historia.

No importa que tan lejos se encuentre el amor de tu vida, mientras exista una computadora a la mano.

Te aseguro que la relación irá como viento en popa.

No tengas miedo y hazte el examen del sida

Por José Marcelo Villarreal
Columnista

Cuando estás enamorado y caminas sobre la playa, todo es perfecto. Pero allí es donde suelen suceder los errores.

Aquel tiempo puede pasar y la inseguridad se manifiesta.

La persona en quien confiabas ha resultado no ser lo que pensabas. Y ahora, no estás seguro si has puesto tu vida en peligro.

Si ésta es tu situación, tienes que hacer algo. UTB/TSC y la clínica Nueva Vida proveen privacidad. Aquí en los servicios de salud para el estudiante te hacen lo que parece más preguntas.

Llenas forma tras forma, unas te pertenecen y otras son para asegurar que esta información es anónima.

Pero para tí las preguntas más difíciles son, "¿Has tenido relaciones sexuales sin protección?" ¿Cuántas parejas has tenido?"

Puedes mentir, pero no vale la pena, pues te estás jugando el todo por el todo.

Tu privacidad está asegurada y sabes que tu vida está de por medio. Entonces te toman muestras de sangre y te dicen, "Tendrás tus resultados en dos semanas".

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Quizás con ellos puedas hablar abiertamente porque no te conocen. Pero en tu vida, no te platicas a nadie. ¿Si los resultados son positivos? Ellos te ofrecen servicios para tratamiento de sida o cualquier otra enfermedad.

Si resulta que tienes sífilis, ellos te pueden dar

tratamiento en forma anónima. Parece imposible, pero se terminan las dos semanas. Es tiempo de saber si necesitarás algún tratamiento o servicio social de la clínica.

Llamas a ellos y das la clave de tu tarjeta.

Ellos te dicen que "no se dan resultados por teléfono".

Cuando llegas a la clínica, te dan más información sobre tratamientos y servicios, como de vacunas y consejería.

Eso, sin embargo, no te importa.

Ellos te llevan a un cuarto separado. Y se te explica que "estos resultados no son finales".

Al fin se te dan los resultados en un sobre cerrado. Tienes que abrirlo.

Te sientan un poco las manos, pero finalmente te alivias.

Para más información, contactar al departamento de salud estudiantil de UTB/TSC o llamar al 344-8951.

Navidad es compartir con el más necesitado

Por Irma A. Peña
Reportera

En estos días en que parece ser más importante cuánto tienes y cuánto es más importante, viene a mí que una experiencia que viví en 1974, en mi tierra natal, Tampico, Tamaulipas.

Una tarde en que mi familia y yo no disponíamos a comer, un hombre mal vestido y demacrado tocó la puerta y saludó a mi mamá. "Buenas tardes señora".

"Disculpe la molestia, soy pescador y he estado enfermo. No he podido trabajar en los últimos días. Mi mujer y mis hijos tienen hambre y...".

En ese momento al hombre se le estranguló la voz y no pudo seguir hablando. Mi mamá no necesitó de más explicaciones, y sin dudarlo, invitó a la familia completa, a pasar a

nuestra casa. Don José y su esposa, que se encontraban embarazada, trajeron tres pequeños de mi edad triste y entristecidos.

Esa tarde en nuestra mesa hubo lugar para doce miembros de una gran familia, hecha de la familia de José, al tiempo que de una gran bolsa sacaba una cantidad enorme de pescados y mariscos.

Quien un día había comido de nuestra mesa, no dio de comer por muchos días. Ahora que pienso en esto, creo que compartir con el necesitado es algo que aprendí desde muy joven.

Cuando estoy lejos, siempre hay alguien que me dice, "ven y come conmigo".

Feliz Navidad a todos y reciban la mejor de mis sonrisas!

De buena cuenta, mamá me invitó a pasar y a comer. "Me va a disculpar la comida tan sencilla don José, pero es todo lo que tenemos".

Tiempo Nuevo

Garry Mauro busca la gobernatura de Texas

Por Blanca Esther Gómez
Editora de Tiempo Nuevo

Garry Mauro, candidato a gobernador de Texas por el partido demócrata, dijo aquí que las familias de este estado serán su prioridad de resultar elegido por los electores.

Como parte de su inicio de campaña por el sur de Texas, el actual comisionado de la oficina general de Tierras de Texas, estuvo el pasado 20 de noviembre en el campus de esta universidad.

Anunció un programa llamado "Las Familias de Texas Primero" que permitirá que todas las familias texanas ahorren más del dinero que ganan, escojan sus propios doctores, manden a sus hijos a las mejores escuelas y vivan en lugares más seguros.

Dijo que "podrá más salud,

dinero en los bolsillos de las familias texanas".

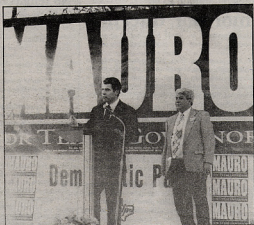
También prometió una enmienda constitucional que evitara a la legislatura aplicar impuestos en comida y medicinas.

"Las familias deben quedarse con más del dinero que ganan y poder gastarlo de la manera que quieran", dijo Mauro.

Agregó que le ofrecerá a los niños de edad primaria en Texas más oportunidades de triunfar.

Mauro estuvo acompañado de varios miembros de su comitiva y de Joe Rivera, secretario del condado de Cameron.

Dijo también que con su programa, los texanos recibirán más control sobre su



Garry Mauro, candidato a gobernador de Texas por el partido demócrata, y Joe Rivera, secretario del condado de Cameron.

El estudiante de hoy

Por Chris Plint
Reportera

Nombre: Mark Hoskins
Edad: 21 años.
Preparatoria: Graduado de la Academia de Ciencia en Mercedes.
Licenciatura: Arte.
Origenario: Brownville, Texas.

Metas: "Quiero viajar, experimentar todo lo que la vida tiene por ofrecer: espiritualidad, amor, libertad, pasión".
Influencias: "Yo me doy crédito a mí mismo, también doy crédito a mis amigos quienes creen en mí y dan la



Inspiración para mi trabajo y la parte íntegra de mi inspiración".
Para Hoskins pintar es casi una meditación.

Breves

El departamento de Lenguas Modernas abrió la clase de traducción de inglés al español y se impartirá el semestre de primavera. El número de inscripción es 21432 y la clase es 3333.

Estudiantes pueden nominarse en Who's Who

Por Melissa Mejía
Reportera

Como cada año, estudiantes de UTR/TSC podrán ser reconocidos por la organización nacional Who's Who a nivel colegial y universitario.

Sin embargo, ahora las nominaciones las podrán hacer los estudiantes y ya no los maestros.

Este programa fue establecido hace 30 años y está diseñado para reconocer líderes estudiantiles que sobresalen académicamente y en la comunidad.

Peter Ruiz, director de actividades estudiantiles, dijo que el programa puede otorgar hasta 98 nominaciones.

Las solicitudes se encuentran en las oficinas de consejería, actividades estudiantiles, centro de asistencia de aprendizaje y en la

biblioteca de UTR/TSC.

"La solicitud se basa en el promedio académico del estudiante", informó Ruiz.

Para el nivel colegial, un estudiante necesita haber completado al menos 30 horas-semestre, pero no más de 59 antes del semestre de otoño de 1997. Además contar con un promedio de 3.0.

Para nivel universitario, un estudiante debe haber completado al menos de 60 horas-semestre, pero no debe haberse graduado de licenciatura todavía. También contar con un promedio de 3.0.

Para el nivel de maestría se necesitan al menos seis horas-semestre y un promedio de 3.75.

El Comité de Who's Who en el campus está presidido por el director de actividades estudiantiles, profesores y consejeros.

"En 1996 recibimos 24

nominaciones y se escogieron 21 de nivel universitario, mientras que de nivel colegial solo se escogieron cuatro de 23", dijo Ruiz.

Agregó que "cada estudiante puede buscar su nominación por sí mismo en este año, ya que los profesores no podrán hacerlo".

"Esperamos más participación porque en años anteriores los estudiantes podían las solicitudes pero los profesores los nominaban; esto ha cambiado actualmente", añadió.

Dijo que la fecha límite para recibir las solicitudes es el 23 de enero de 1998.

Explicó que los estudiantes deberán suministrar tres cartas de referencias de al menos una organización comunitaria a la que haya asistido y otra de algún profesor de la universidad.